GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF BABATPUR AIRPORT
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to upgrade the Babatpur Airport located at Varanasi as an international airport; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Varanasi airport is likely to be upgraded as an international airport alongwith the names of the countries proposed to be linked with air routes from this airport and the total expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- No, Sir. However, Airports Authority of India has plans to upgrade the existing Varanasi airport by undertaking the following works at a cost of Rs. 48 crores, subject to acquisition and handing over of requisite land by State Government :-

(i) extension of runway for operation of AB-300 type of aircraft;

(ii) expansion and modification of the terminal building; and

(iii) extension of the existing apron to accommodate five numbers of AB-320/B-737 class of aircrafts and one AB-300 class of aircraft.

International flights to and from Kathmandu were operated through this airport till the same were suspended.